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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PLANS OF BRZEZINSKI

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT FROM A ZEROX COPY OF LETTER FROM
ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI SENT TO DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSMISSION
TO AMBASSADOR.

QUOTE: BY THE TIME THIS LETTER REACHES YOU, YOU WILL
PROBABLY HAVE RECEIVED A CABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
AS YOU CAN WELL IMAGINE, I AM BOTH VERY EMBARRASSED AND
CHAGRINED IN HAVING TO FORSAKE THE TRIP TO KOREA, ON WHICH
YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE SOME PLANNING AND ON WHICH I HAVE
COUNTED SO VERY MUCH. HOWEVER, WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT,
MUCH TO MY SURPRISE, THE NEXT HIGH-LEVEL INFORMAL AMERI-
CAN-SOVIET MEETING (WHICH INCLUDES DAVID ROCKEFELLER PAUL
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WARNKE, MYSELF, AMONG OTHERS) HAS BEEN UNEXPECTEDLY

SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 3 IN MOSCOW. SINCE I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND SINCE THIS MEETING CONCERNS SOME MATTERS OF IMMEDIATE POLICY RELEVANCE, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ATTEND.

I REALLY FEEL EXTREMELY BADLY ABOUT THIS SITUATION,

ESPECIALLY AS I HAVE LOOKED FORWARD SO MUCH TO SEEING YOU AND TO TALKING TO YOU ABOUT SOME MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. MOREOVER, I DO HAVE A SPECIAL FEELING FOR KOREA AND WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING THAT COUNTRY AGAIN. HOWEVER, I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND WILL BE WILLING TO HAVE ME VISIT KOREA AT SOME OTHER POINT.

TO REDUCE THE COMPLICATIONS CONNECTED WITH THE ABOVE, I HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF EXPLORING WITH PROFESSOR SAMUEL HUNTINGTON OF HARVARD THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS REPLACING ME. SUBJECT TO YOUR INVITATION AND TO THE DESIRE OF THE KOREANS, HE IS WILLING TO GO, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT HE WILL MAKE MORE THAN AN ADEQUATE REPLACEMENT. HE IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, ONE OF THE VERY LEADING AMERICAN POLITICAL ANALYSTS, HIGHLY RESPECTED AND WELL KNOWN. MOREOVER, HE HAD BEEN INVITED IN THE PAST TO VISIT KOREA BY A NUMBER OF KOREAN INSTITUTIONS AND UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GO. HE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION MEETINGS IN KYOTO AND HENCE HE WILL BE AVAILABLE PRECISELY AT THE VERY DATES FOR WHICH YOU HAVE ALREADY PLANNED.

DO LET ME KNOW WHETHER YOU WISH HUNTINGTON TO APPEAR AND AGAIN MY VERY SINCERE REGRETS AND EQUALLY SINCERE HOPES THAT THIS WILL NOT DISCOURAGE YOU FROM HAVING ME VISIT KOREA AGAIN. INDEED, IF MY SCHEDULE WERE SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE, I WOULD PROPOSE A QUICK VISIT TO KOREA BY ME JUST PRIOR TO OUR TOKYO MEETING, BUT I DOUBT THAT THIS COULD NOW BE ARRANGED, BECAUSE OF OTHER PRESSURES.

WITH VERY CORDIAL REGARDS, ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI UNQUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES HUNTINGTON WOULD BE SATISFACTORY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPLACEMENT IF AVAILABLE AND IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU AND KOREANS. PLEASE ADVISE.

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